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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph that follows the title "Related Cases" on page one of the application with the following amended paragraph:

This application claims priority to U.S. Patent Application having Serial Number 10/205,586, filed on July 24, 2002, which application was subsequently converted to U.S. Provisional Patent Application having Serial Number []60/453,731, the entire contents of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] The bag 5 may be connected to the outer shell 3. As will be appreciated by those of skill in the art from the description and figures, the bag may be adhered to one or more of the sidewalls of the outer shell. In one preferred embodiment, the bag 5 comprises several layers, having an inside taste-neutral layer that imparts no flavor, a middle layer that insulates the liquid, and an outer layer for providing strength and flexibility. Such bags are available from Scholle Corporation, having a manufacturing facility in Rancho Dominguez, Calif. According to another preferred embodiment, the bag may be formed from one or more layers of material exhibiting the desired characteristics. In one preferred embodiment, the bag is constructed from two flat sheets that overlay one another and are then heat sealed together to form the sealed edges of the bag and then cut to form the desired shape. The spout may optionally be attached through heat welding during the same bag forming step. The mouth 7 has a generally cylindrical body 92 (FIG. 9a) with an annular outer rim 94 at one end which is bonded to the bag 5 as described above, or may be bonded by an appropriate adhesive or other means known in the art, and external threads 96 at the other end. The body 92 is desirably provided with a raised annular ring spaced slightly from the outer rim 94 which effectively forms an annular groove between raised annular ring and the outer rim 94. The body 92 of the mouth 7 further defines a generally cylindrical internal channel 100. The mouth 7 is advantageously

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sized and shaped for the external threads 96 and raised annular ring to be slightly larger than the opening 48 in the front wall panel 16 of the outer shell 3.